



**Date:** October 15, 2003

**To:** Inter-Regional Partnership

**From:** IRP Staff

**RE:** IRP Work Plan, Fiscal Year 2004/2005

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## **Background**

At the August IRP Meeting, staff was asked to devise a work plan that would outline IRP activities for the 2004/2005 fiscal year. Work during this current fiscal year will be focused primarily on the interim evaluation of the IRP Pilot Project. That evaluation is due to the state on July 30, 2004.

## **Discussion**

When established in 1998, the members of the Inter-Regional Partnership identified various growth-related issues that were impacting their counties. Those issues included jobs/housing imbalance, transportation, affordable housing, air quality, and inter-regional economic development. Over the last five years, despite attempts by the members of the IRP to address these problems, the consequences of unbalanced growth in the IRP region continue to prevail.

The intent of the attached work plan is to continue the IRP's efforts to address the growth-related issues impacting the IRP region. The inter-regional relationships of these issues can be examined through the discussion of jurisdictional and regional general plans, air quality reports, habitat plans, and the capital improvement plans of the five counties that make up the IRP.

The work plan is organized chronologically in a calendar format. Each IRP meeting date is listed along w/ topics for discussion. These topics relate directly to the growth impacts that have been identified as relevant to the region.

## **Budget/Meeting Schedule**

As discussed at the August IRP meeting, the IRP will be unfunded at the end of this fiscal year, July 2004. Staff from each of the COG's will be available to coordinate meetings, arrange for speakers and to do minimal research and reporting on topics of interest.

In addition, due to limited resources of each COG, staff proposes that the IRP, beginning August 18, 2004, meet on a quarterly basis. At the end of the 2004/2005 fiscal year, this schedule can be re-examined to determine whether changes are necessary.

## **Requested Action**

1. Consider adoption of the attached work plan for Fiscal Year 2004/2005.